

Limits of Discontinuous Functions

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$$1) \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x^2 - 16}{x - 4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} x + 4 = 8$$

$$2) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2x^2 - 4x}{x^2 - 4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2x}{x + 2} = 1$$

$$3) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\frac{1}{x} - x}{\frac{1}{x} - 1} = \frac{1 - x^2}{x} = \frac{1 - x^2}{1 - x} = \frac{-1(x^2 - 1)}{-1(x - 1)} = \frac{(x + 1)(x - 1)}{x - 1} = x + 1 = 2$$

$$4) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 6x + 5}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x - 5)(x - 1)}{(x - 1)} = x - 5 = -4$$

$$5) \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{5}}{x - 5} = \frac{\frac{5 - x}{5x}}{x - 5} = \frac{-1(x - 5)}{5x} = \frac{-1}{5x} = \boxed{\frac{-1}{25}}$$

$$6) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 6x + 5}{x - 1} = \frac{4 - 12 + 5}{1} = -3$$

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$$7) \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{4x^2 - 12x}{x^2 - 9} = \frac{4x(x-3)}{(x-3)(x+3)} = \frac{4x}{x+3} = 2$$

$$8) \lim_{x \rightarrow 6} \frac{2x - 12}{x^2 - x - 30} = \frac{2(x-6)}{(x-6)(x+5)} = \frac{2}{x+5} = \frac{2}{11}$$

$$9) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\frac{1}{x} - 1}{x - 1} = \frac{\frac{1-x}{x}}{x-1} = \frac{-1(x-1)}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{x-1} = \frac{-1}{x} = -1$$

$$10) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{x}}{x - 2} = \frac{\frac{x-2}{2x}}{x-2} = \frac{1}{2x} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$11) \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x^2 - 6x + 5}{x - 5} = \frac{(x-1)(x-5)}{x-5} = x-1 = 4$$

$$12) \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{x}}{x - 3} = \frac{\frac{x-3}{3x}}{x-3} = \frac{1}{3x} = \frac{1}{15}$$